

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate and House of Representatives met in Joint Session to receive a message from the President.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1593–S1655

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 392–408, S. Res. 28–30, and S. Con. Res. 17–18. **Pages S1616–17**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 30, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Budget.

Measures Passed:

Legal Representation Authorization: Senate agreed to S. Res. 28, to authorize testimony and legal representation in *State Of Idaho v. Fredrick Leroy Leas, Sr.* **Page S1641**

Escort Committee Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the President of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the President of the United States into the House Chamber for the joint session to be held at 9 p.m., on Tuesday, February 27, 2001.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice stating that the emergency declared with respect to the Government of Cuba's on February 24, 1996, is to continue in effect beyond March 1, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–7) **Page S1609**

Transmitting, a budget proposal for the Government of the United States; ordered to lie on the table. (PM–8) **Pages S1609–12**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

19 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

8 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

18 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S1642–55**

Messages From the President: **Pages S1609–12**

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Privileges of the Floor: **Page S1641**

Adjournment: Senate met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 10:05 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, February 28, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1642.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings to examine muscular dystrophy research funding levels, after receiving testimony from Audrey S. Penn, Acting Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Lee Sweeney, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine Department of Physiology, Philadelphia, and Patricia Furlong, Middletown, Ohio,

both on behalf of the Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy; Leon Charash, Woodbury, New York, Christopher J. Rosa, City University of New York Queens College Office of Special Services for Students with Disabilities, New York, Jerry Lewis, Los Angeles, California, and Benjamin Cumbo, Upper Marlboro, Maryland, all on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Association; and Donovan Decker, Huron, South Dakota.

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded hearings on activities of the Army Corps of Engineers, including the Civil Works Program, water resources planning, and the Upper Mississippi and Illinois navigation study, after receiving testimony from Lt. Gen. Robert B. Flowers, USA, Commander/Chief of Engineers, Army Corps of Engineers.

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Paul D. Wolfowitz, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Warner and Levin, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

COMMITTEE BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 30), requesting \$2,880,615 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001, \$5,112,126 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002, and \$2,187,120 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2002 through February 28, 2003.

BROWNFIELDS REVITALIZATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Control, and Risk Assessment concluded hearings on S. 350, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to promote the cleanup and reuse of brownfields, to provide financial assistance for brownfields revitalization, to enhance State response programs, after receiving testimony from Christine Todd Whitman, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Mayor J. Christian Bollwage, Elizabeth, New Jersey, on behalf of the United States Conference of Mayors; Mayor Myrtle Walker, East Palo Alto, California, on behalf of the National Association of Local Government Environmental Professionals; Philip J. O'Brien, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Concord; Mike Ford, Mike Ford Agency, Clark, New

Jersey, on behalf of the National Association of Realtors; Alan Front, The Trust for Public Land, John G. Arlington, American Insurance Association, and Grant Cope, United States Public Interest Research Group, all of Washington, D.C.; Robert D. Fox, Manko, Gold and Katcher, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania; and Deedohn Ferris, Global Environmental Resources, Inc., Finesville, New Jersey.

U.S. TRADE POLICY

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine United States trade policy, focusing on principal trade policy challenges and opportunities, the importance of maintaining America's leadership role in building and sustaining the international trading system, and rebuilding free trade consensus, receiving testimony from David L. Aaron, former Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, William M. Daley, former Secretary of Commerce, and Carla A. Hills, Hills and Company, former United States Trade Representative, all of Washington, D.C.; and Robert D. Hormants, Goldman Sachs International, New York, New York.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NATO ALLIANCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded hearings to examine issues which have bearing on the state of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Alliance, including the transitions occurring in the Balkans and Southeast Europe, NATO enlargement, ballistic missile defense, and the European Union Rapid Reaction Force, after receiving testimony from Gen. Wesley K. Clark, USA (Ret.), former Supreme Allied Commander Europe; Jeffrey Gedmin, American Enterprise Institute/New Atlantic Initiative, and Ronald D. Asmus, Council on Foreign Relations, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Sean O'Keefe, of New York, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Stevens and Representative Walsh, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee resumed markup of an original bill to amend title 11, United States Code, relating to bankruptcy reform, but did not complete action thereon and will continue tomorrow.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Special Committee on Aging: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution requesting \$1,240,422 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001,

\$2,199,621 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002, and \$940,522 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2002 through February 28, 2003.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 107th Congress.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 39 public bills, H.R. 727–765; 2 private bills, H.R. 766–767; and 18 resolutions, H.J. Res. 22; H. Con. Res. 39–43, and H. Res. 57–68 were introduced. **Pages H440–43**

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Recess: The House recessed at 12:51 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H415**

Joint Committee on Taxation: Read a letter from Chairman Thomas wherein he transmitted the Committee on Ways and Means designation of the following members to serve on the Joint Committee on Taxation for the 107th Congress: Representatives Thomas, Crane, Shaw, Rangel, and Stark. **Pages H415–16**

International Conference Meetings and Negotiation Sessions on Trade Agreements: In the letter previously noted, Chairman Thomas also forwarded the Committee on Ways and Means recommendation of members to serve as official advisors for international meetings and trade agreement negotiating sessions. Subsequently, the Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following members to be accredited by the President as Official Advisors to the United States Delegations to international conferences, meetings, and negotiation sessions relating to trade agreements during the first Session of the 107th Congress: Representatives Thomas, Crane, Shaw, Rangel, and Levin. **Page H416**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following suspensions: H. Res. 54, commending African American Pioneers in Colorado (suspension);

Honoring the Late Dale Earnhardt: H. Res. 57, recognizing and honoring Dale Earnhardt and expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to his family on his death; **Pages H416–22, H429**

Recognition of Dr. Dorothy Height, Valiant Advocate and Crusader for Human Rights: H. Res. 55, expressing the sense of the House of Representa-

tives that there should be established a day of celebration in honor of Dr. Dorothy Irene Height; **Pages H422–26**

Honoring the Soldiers Killed by Iraqi Missile Attack and Supporting Missile Defense Programs: H. Con. Res. 39, honoring the ultimate sacrifice made by 28 United States soldiers killed by an Iraqi missile attack on February 25, 1991, during Operation Desert Storm, and resolving to support appropriate and effective theater missile defense programs (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 395 yeas with none voting “nay” and 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 16. **Pages H426–29, H429–30**

Presidential Message—National Emergency Re Cuba: Read a letter from the President wherein he transmitted his message concerning the National Emergency with Respect to Cuba—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–47). **Page H429**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 63, electing Representative Engel to the Committee on International Relations. **Page H430**

Commemoration of the Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust: The House agreed to the Senate amendment to H. Con. Res. 14, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust. **Page H430**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, February 28. **Pages H430–31**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:34 p.m. and reconvened at 8:45 p.m. **Page H431**

President Bush's Address to the Joint Session of Congress: President George W. Bush delivered his message to a joint session of Congress. He was escorted into the House Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives Armeiy, DeLay, Watts of Oklahoma, Cox, Gephardt, Bonior, Frost, and Menendez and Senators Lott, Nickles, Santorum, Hutchison of Texas, Craig, Frist, Stevens, Gramm,